

Title: Look There's God - Romans 1 18-23

Read:

¹⁸⁻²³ But God's angry displeasure erupts as acts of human mistrust and wrongdoing and lying accumulate, as people try to put a shroud over truth. But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse. What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives. They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life. They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand.

Think:

Ever had that question thrown at you by your mates. "Ok if people need to ask Jesus to be their mate to go to Heaven, what about those who have never heard of Jesus?" Your mates at college might make it sound a very sensible question, but is it? Paul is talking straight in this passage, he says "But the basic reality of God is plain enough". What he is saying is you have to be pretty short sighted to miss the fact that God exists if you live in this world. How can you look at a baby and not at least wonder if God exists? How can you look at the colours in the plant life on this world and not know that something created them? How can you look at the complexities of science and not understand that something caused them to happen? To be honest, and let's face it Paul is being pretty honest in this passage, you are basically ignoring God if you see all these things and don't go looking for him. So it's true one way or the other you have to make a decision about where you stand on God. If you have made a decision I thank God you have made a decision. If you haven't made a decision best get on with it, hey!

Pray:

Father thank you for supplying all we need in this world. Please help us look after it better. Amen.

Action:

I've made a decision to try and look after the world God gave us. What about you, what can you do to use less of Gods awesome resources on this world? Cheerio.